26.   (Amended) A method of controlling communications between an electronic groupware communication server and communication units, the method, at the electronic groupware communication server, comprising:

assigning a use limit for group resources of a first group, wherein the first group has a predetermined number of users;

allowing users belonging to the first group to draw on unused group resources;

monitoring the use limit for group resources to determine if the use limit for group resources is exceeded; and

upon the group resource limit being exceeded, enabling one or more communications restrictions to be implemented, the restrictions including terminating communication between the electronic groupware communication server and the communication units and selectively enabling predetermined types of communications to continue.

Claims 27 through 32 remain unchanged as follows:

27.   (Unchanged) The method according to claim 26 wherein the use limit for group resources is based on a data transmission size of electronic mail messages received and transmitted.

28.   (Unchanged) The method according to claim 26 wherein the use limit for group resources is based on an allocated expense for transmitting and receiving electronic mail messages.

29.   (Unchanged) The method according to claim 26 further comprising:

assigning each user in the first group an individual use limit; and

monitoring the individual use limit of each user.

30.   (Unchanged) The method according to claim 29 further comprising applying the individual use limit for individual electronic mail messages.

31.   (Unchanged)   The method according to claim 29 further comprising:

applying the individual use limit for individual electronic mail messages; and

applying the use limit for group resources for groupware data transfers.

32.   (Unchanged) The method according to claim 26 further comprising applying the use limit for group resources for groupware data transfers.